

# **EXHIBIT 2**

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7 SPECIAL AGENT FBI 21A , SPECIAL AGENT FBI 41 , AUSA

8 MICHAEL THAKUR, Per. 10, and JOHN IRVING,

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2 SA [FBI 21A] PowerPoint? Okay. Did you ever get  
3 recurring training, whether it was every year or something?

4 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : No.

5 SA [FBI 21A] No? That was just one time?

6 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : One time.

7 SA [FBI 21A] Okay. Did they -- when you left the  
8 White House, did they give you any kind of, like, a debrief,  
9 or --

10 [REDACTED] Per. 10 They gave us these forms.

11 SA [FBI 21A] Okay. All right. And did they -- any  
12 kind of training as for any brief on what you can and cannot  
13 do with classified?

14 [REDACTED] Per. 10 I'm sure they did. They read us a  
15 little speech.

16 SA [FBI 21A] : Okay.

17 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : And they gave us a form.

18 SA [FBI 21A] All right. So these documents, I  
19 think you had probably told your attorney and whatnot, but  
20 just so I can have it for the record, how did the documents  
21 essentially get onto your laptop?

22 [REDACTED] Per. 10 Scanned them.

23 SA [FBI 21A] Okay. And you performed the scan?

24 [REDACTED] Per. 10 Um-hum.

25 SA [FBI 21A] When did you scan?

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2 [REDACTED] Per. 10 September 2021.

3 SA [REDACTED] FBI 21A September 2021? Okay.

4 MR. THAKUR: Through the beginning of October?

5 [REDACTED] Per. 10 Beginning of October, yeah.

6 SA [REDACTED] FBI 21A Okay. Who directed you to scan the  
7 documents?

8 [REDACTED] Per. 10 [REDACTED] Per. 34

9 SA [REDACTED] FBI 21A Okay. Do you remember the reason why  
10 the contents of this box had to be scanned?

11 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : So we can have an electronic copy of  
12 our records.

13 SA [REDACTED] FBI 21A Okay. Were there any other boxes that  
14 had to be scanned?

15 [REDACTED] Per. 10 No.

16 SA [REDACTED] FBI 21A It was just that one?

17 [REDACTED] Per. 10 Yeah.

18 SA [REDACTED] FBI 21A Okay. What did you use --

19 MR. THAKUR: Why just this one? I mean, there  
20 were obviously other boxes there.

21 SA [REDACTED] FBI 21A Because that was his -- the only  
22 record of his schedule.

23 MR. THAKUR: Okay.

24 SA [REDACTED] FBI 21A And did you understand it to be his  
25 schedule when he was present at the White House?

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2 [REDACTED] Per. 10 Um-hum.

3 SA [REDACTED] Okay. What did you use to scan the  
4 documents?

5 [REDACTED] Per. 10 The Adobe Scan app.

6 SA [REDACTED] All right. And apps, we're talking  
7 about a mobile device? Okay. What device?

8 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : My personal phone.

9 SA [REDACTED] Okay. So how did the scanning work  
10 when you -- you made an image of some kind --

11 [REDACTED] Per. 10 Um-hum.

12 SA [REDACTED] -- correct? Okay. Did the image save  
13 onto your phone at any point?

14 [REDACTED] Per. 10 No. So you'd put your phone over a  
15 piece of paper. It uses your camera and it creates a PDF --

16 SA [REDACTED] Okay.

17 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : -- on that image. But it doesn't  
18 save that image.

19 SA [REDACTED] Okay. So that scan -- that digital  
20 file, whatever it is, that -- where does it get saved?

21 [REDACTED] Per. 10 I think, to the Adobe Cloud. Like,  
22 it's all in the app.

23 SA [REDACTED] Okay. So your phone is a middleman,  
24 but it never actually saves? It just sort of affects --

25 [REDACTED] Per. 10 (Indiscernible 1:41:42).

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2 SA [FBI 21A] -- the image and --

3 [REDACTED] Per. 10 Yeah.

4 SA [FBI 21A] -- directly puts it to the cloud?

5 [REDACTED] Per. 10 To my knowledge, yeah.

6 SA [FBI 21A] Okay.

7 [REDACTED] Per. 10 I don't know how apps work, but  
8 that's my understanding of how it works.

9 SA [FBI 21A] Okay.

10 MR. THAKUR: Did you set up that Adobe Cloud  
11 account?

12 [REDACTED] Per. 10 Yes.

13 MR. THAKUR: Okay. Approximately when?

14 [REDACTED] Per. 10 When I first started.

15 MR. THAKUR: Okay.

16 SA [FBI 21A] Started working on this project? Or  
17 started working for the 45 Office?

18 [REDACTED] Per. 10 For the office.

19 SA [FBI 21A] For the office? Okay.

20 MR. THAKUR: So that would've been around July of  
21 2021?

22 [REDACTED] Per. 10 Um-hum.

23 MR. THAKUR: Okay. And why did you create it?

24 [REDACTED] Per. 10 So I could scan notes.

25 MR. THAKUR: Okay. What kind of notes?

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1 (02:00:39)

2 MR. THAKUR: -- handwriting on some of the  
3 schedules. That's not your handwriting --

4 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : No.

5 MR. THAKUR: -- on any of it? Okay. Okay. And I  
6 guess, when did you first become aware of the box?

7 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : In September.

8 MR. THAKUR: Of 2021?

9 [REDACTED] Per. 10 Like, well -- I think it was  
10 September. I don't remember exactly.

11 MR. THAKUR: Okay. So --

12 SA [REDACTED] FBI 21A We're talking about the year of 2021?

13 [REDACTED] Per. 10 Yeah, yeah.

14 SA [REDACTED] FBI 21A Oh, okay.

15 MR. THAKUR: So shortly before you were asked to  
16 scan it is when --

17 [REDACTED] Per. 10 Yeah. When the project was first  
18 introduced to me --

19 MR. THAKUR: Okay.

20 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : -- is when I learned about it.

21 MR. THAKUR: Okay. And did you see it, I guess --  
22 where it was being kept at that time?

23 [REDACTED] Per. 10 Yes.

24 MR. THAKUR: Okay. And where was that?

25 [REDACTED] Per. 10 Under [REDACTED] Per. 34 desk.

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1 (02:01:31)

2 MR. THAKUR: Okay. All right. And so that's in  
3 the 45 Office?

4 [REDACTED] Per. 10 [REDACTED] Um-hum.

5 MR. THAKUR: Okay.

6 SA [REDACTED] FBI 21A The desk that you're sitting at now?

7 [REDACTED] Per. 10 [REDACTED] : Um-hum.

8 MR. THAKUR: Okay.

9 SA [REDACTED] FBI 21A : Okay.

10 MR. THAKUR: Got it. And did [REDACTED] p.34 say anything  
11 about it -- about where this came from or the contents of  
12 it?

13 [REDACTED] Per. 10 [REDACTED] : Just that it was the schedule from  
14 the White House.

15 MR. THAKUR: Okay. Did you talk to the President  
16 at all about the scanning project?

17 [REDACTED] Per. 10 [REDACTED] : No.

18 MR. THAKUR: Okay. And then what I understand  
19 from your attorney (indiscernible 2:02:11) I guess, confirm  
20 from you -- where did you take the box to have it scanned?

21 [REDACTED] Per. 10 [REDACTED] : To the tennis cottage.

22 MR. THAKUR: Okay. And tell us a little bit more  
23 about the tennis cottage. How big is that? Is that, like,  
24 one room? Or --

25 [REDACTED] Per. 10 [REDACTED] It's one room.

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2 MR. THAKUR: Yeah.

3 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : Yeah, basically.

4 MR. THAKUR: And so when it was under your desk,  
5 did anyone else look through the box or --

6 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : No.

7 MR. THAKUR: -- open the box?

8 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : Not to my knowledge.

9 MR. THAKUR: Right. Okay. And how long did it  
10 stay under your desk?

11 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : Till we moved to Flagler.

12 MR. THAKUR: Okay. And when was that?

13 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : November 2022.

14 MR. THAKUR: Okay. And in the Flagler office,  
15 where did the box go?

16 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : Under my desk.

17 SA [REDACTED] FBI 21A: And you said you moved to Flagler in  
18 November 2022?

19 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : Oh, '21.

20 SA [REDACTED] FBI 21A : '21? Okay. Yeah. The New Year, my  
21 dates are a little off too.

22 MR. THAKUR: All right. And when it was in  
23 Flagler, was anything done with that box?

24 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : No.

25 MR. THAKUR: Okay. No one, including yourself --

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2 MR. THAKUR: -- opened it or --

3 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : Uh-uh.

4 MR. THAKUR: -- had a need to get to it?

5 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : No.

6 MR. THAKUR: Okay.

7 MR. IRVING: To your knowledge?

8 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : To my knowledge.

9 MR. THAKUR: To your knowledge, obviously.

10 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : To my knowledge.

11 MR. THAKUR: Yeah. And how long did it stay under  
12 your desk there?

13 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : Till I moved to Mar-a-Lago.

14 MR. THAKUR: Okay. And when was that?

15 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : Late August to September 2022.

16 MR. THAKUR: Okay. So the box never went to  
17 Bedminster to your knowledge?

18 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : No.

19 MR. THAKUR: Okay. And you basically just brought  
20 everything that was on or near your desk to Mar-a-Lago?  
21 Everything that you were working with --

22 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : Um-hum.

23 MR. THAKUR: -- kind of came with you? Okay. And  
24 then once it came -- once you moved to Mar-a-Lago, where did  
25 the box go?

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1 (02:10:14)

2 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : Under my desk.

3 MR. THAKUR: Okay. And at that point, this is  
4 Per. 34 [REDACTED] s desk?

5 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : Um-hum.

6 MR. THAKUR: So it's kind of come, I guess, full  
7 circle, back to the same desk.

8 SA [REDACTED] FBI 21A: Brought it home.

9 MR. THAKUR: Okay. And then how did it -- so this  
10 was never in the 45 Office closets?

11 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : No.

12 MR. THAKUR: Okay.

13 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : Not to my knowledge.

14 MR. THAKUR: Right. Okay. And then when this was  
15 found in mid-December, were you there the day that it was  
16 found?

17 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : Yes.

18 MR. THAKUR: Okay. I guess, tell us a little bit  
19 about that day and what you witnessed in terms of the  
20 search.

21 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : I met the lawyers in the morning to  
22 let them into the office.

23 MR. THAKUR: Okay.

24 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : And then I left because I didn't want  
25 to be there.

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2 MR. THAKUR: Okay.

3 SA [FBI 21A]: Because they were lawyers?

4 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : They were searching the office.

5 MR. THAKUR: Well, I get that.

6 MR. IRVING: I don't like us either.

7 MR. THAKUR: And so at some point, did they ask  
8 you any questions about the box?

9 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : Not that I remember.

10 MR. THAKUR: Okay.

11 MR. IRVING: When is this?

12 MR. THAKUR: This is mid-December, so probably --

13 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : (Indiscernible 2:11:35).

14 MR. THAKUR: -- December 15th is the day of the  
15 search.

16 MR. IRVING: Okay. And so you let the lawyers in?

17 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : I think it was more recent than that,  
18 but maybe.

19 MR. THAKUR: Okay. Yeah. My understanding was  
20 the box was found kind of mid-December. The laptop,  
21 obviously, was more recent. But do you remember something  
22 differently?

23 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : It was all at the same time, I  
24 thought.

25 MR. THAKUR: Like, the laptop was as well? Do --

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1 (02:12:05)

2 MR. THAKUR: -- you -- I guess, do you know if  
3 your laptop was searched at the same time?

4 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : No.

5 MR. THAKUR: Okay.

6 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : They weren't searched on the same  
7 day.

8 MR. THAKUR: Okay. Were they searching  
9 electronics at the time? Electronic devices?

10 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : No.

11 MR. THAKUR: Okay. And then -- so at one point, I  
12 guess, did anyone tell you or ask you anything about that  
13 box, after the search?

14 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : That day.

15 MR. THAKUR: Okay. And what was said that day?

16 MR. IRVING: I mean, if you're asking for  
17 communications between a lawyer and the employee, the  
18 substance of the communications -- but I also want to be --  
19 yeah.

20 MR. THAKUR: Well, I guess -- well, let me ask  
21 this. When did you first learn that there was classified  
22 documents in that box?

23 MR. IRVING: That's fair.

24 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : I think that -- earlier that day.

25 MR. THAKUR: Okay.

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2 MR. IRVING: What was the answer?

3 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : I think, later that day.

4 MR. THAKUR: Okay.

5 SA [REDACTED] FBI 41 : Later the day of the search?

6 MR. THAKUR: Okay. And did one of the searchers  
7 tell you that? Or one of the attorneys?

8 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : I don't remember who told me first.

9 MR. THAKUR: Okay. And I guess, at what point did  
10 you find out that your laptop had the same documents? Or  
11 did you tell anyone, I guess, that your laptop had these  
12 documents?

13 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : I was told that the lawyers were  
14 going to come back and get the box to take a scan of it, and  
15 they said oh, I already have a scan of it.

16 MR. THAKUR: Okay. But when you were told that  
17 they would come back to get a scan of it, that was not the  
18 same day or the same week, right?

19 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : They came sometime later in the  
20 month --

21 MR. THAKUR: Okay.

22 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : -- or the same week. I don't know.

23 MR. THAKUR: Okay.

24 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : I don't remember.

25 MR. THAKUR: Got it.

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2 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : It was (indiscernible 2:14:27) --

3 MR. IRVING: So they're going to scan the box.

4 You're like --

5 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : Well, I already have copies. Take  
6 the scanned copy.

7 MR. THAKUR: Okay.

8 MR. IRVING: And then -- go ahead.

9 SA [REDACTED] FBI 21A: I'm sorry. I just want to make sure I  
10 understood something. So after it was discovered that the  
11 box contained classified --

12 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : Um-hum.

13 SA [REDACTED] FBI 21A : -- the attorneys wanted to take the  
14 box so that they could perform a scan?

15 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : They took --

16 MR. IRVING: So, I think --

17 MR. THAKUR: Two different points, right? They  
18 searched it. And then at a later point, maybe a week or so  
19 later, they then told you they were going to scan the box  
20 because -- that they were going to scan the contents of the  
21 box? Is that --

22 MR. IRVING: Let me just ask you to ask this stuff  
23 of P.60, right?

24 MR. THAKUR: Okay.

25 MR. IRVING: Because my understanding is that --

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2 MR. IRVING: -- P60 removed the classified  
3 materials --

4 MR. THAKUR: Right.

5 MR. IRVING: -- told you guys about it.

6 MR. THAKUR: Right.

7 MR. IRVING: And I think what we're talking about  
8 is a scan of the box, minus those --

9 MR. THAKUR: Correct, yes.

10 MR. IRVING: So --

11 MR. THAKUR: Okay.

12 MR. IRVING: -- you know?

13 SA [REDACTED] 21A: Yeah.

14 MR. THAKUR: Okay.

15 SA [REDACTED] 21A: Yeah.

16 MR. IRVING: Do you have any first-hand knowledge  
17 about any of that?

18 [REDACTED] Per.10 : I mean, not other than when they said  
19 they were going to come tomorrow to take the box. Can you  
20 meet them in the morning?

21 MR. IRVING: Okay. And was that when you were  
22 saying --

23 [REDACTED] Per.10 : I have it scanned in already.

24 MR. IRVING: Okay.

25 MR. THAKUR: Okay. Got it. Okay.

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1 (02:15:55)

2 MR. IRVING: But that would've been the original  
3 scan that would've presumably included the classified  
4 documents?

5 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : Um-hum.

6 MR. THAKUR: Okay.

7 MR. IRVING: Hence the flash drive.

8 MR. THAKUR: Right. Okay. Do you know -- I  
9 guess, how many -- because you gave us -- you gave the FBI  
10 the laptop, what, last Saturday, I think?

11 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : Yeah. Last weekend.

12 MR. THAKUR: Last weekend. And so how many days  
13 or so before then did you first tell someone that you had  
14 the laptop with the scans on it?

15 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : Like, the day or two days before.

16 MR. THAKUR: Okay.

17 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : It all happened in, like, 24 hours.

18 MR. THAKUR: Got it. Do you know of anyone else  
19 at Mar-a-Lago or the 45 Office who was scanning documents?

20 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : No.

21 MR. THAKUR: Okay. So to your knowledge, no other  
22 box like that was scanned? I know you said earlier you  
23 didn't scan anything, but --

24 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : Yeah.

25 MR. THAKUR: -- do you have --

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1 (02:16:55)

2 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : To my knowledge.

3 MR. THAKUR: -- any sense that anyone else  
4 would've scanned documents like that?

5 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : (No audible response.)

6 MR. THAKUR: And then so after it was discovered,  
7 did you talk to anyone to find out more about the classified  
8 documents there? Like, how -- when they were placed there  
9 or anything else about the box? Like, did you ask [REDACTED] --  
10 like, [REDACTED], did you know there were classified documents in  
11 there?

12 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : No.

13 MR. THAKUR: Okay. And no other similar  
14 conversation with anyone else in the office?

15 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : No.

16 MR. THAKUR: Okay.

17 SA [REDACTED] FBI 41 : May I clarify one point? I understand  
18 the box was found in the closet, but on the day of the  
19 search, was it still your understanding the box was under  
20 your desk?

21 MR. THAKUR: No. It was not found in the closet,  
22 right?

23 SA [REDACTED] FBI 41 : Oh. It was not found in the closet?

24 MR. THAKUR: Is that -- to your understanding, it  
25 was still under your desk when they searched --

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1 (02:17:53)

2 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : It was --

3 MR. THAKUR: -- in December?

4 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : -- in my desk. And then we decided  
5 that a box under my desk looked messy, so we put it in the  
6 gift closet, which is still inside the office.

7 MR. THAKUR: I see. So -- but that was sort of  
8 the day --

9 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : But that's different --

10 MR. THAKUR: That was --

11 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : -- from the other closet.

12 MR. THAKUR: I see. So -- but that was sort of  
13 the day of the search, in mid-December, it was moved to the  
14 closet?

15 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : Probably, like, the week before.

16 MR. THAKUR: Okay.

17 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : We were cleaning up the office.

18 MR. THAKUR: I see. Okay.

19 SA [REDACTED] FBI 41 : So the week before the search, it went  
20 from under your desk to a gift closet?

21 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : Yes. That's in the office.

22 SA [REDACTED] FBI 41 : In the tennis cottage? Or in the

23 45 --

24 MR. THAKUR: You're talking about the 45 Office,  
25 right?

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2 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : Yeah. I'm sorry.

3 MR. THAKUR: Okay.

4 SA [REDACTED] FBI 41 : So two different closets though, in  
5 the 45 Office?

6 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : No.

7 SA [REDACTED] FBI 21A : Because I know when you walk into --

8 MS. HARRIS: (Indiscernible 2:18:39) --

9 SA [REDACTED] FBI 21A : -- the President's office, the first  
10 door on your left is his restroom, and then there's another  
11 closet right next to it. Is that the closet we're talking  
12 about?

13 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : In his specific office?

14 SA [REDACTED] FBI 21A : Um-hum.

15 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : His restroom and the closet, yeah.

16 SA [REDACTED] FBI 21A : That one? Okay.

17 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : The gift closet.

18 SA [REDACTED] FBI 21A : That's the gift closet? Okay.

19 SA [REDACTED] FBI 41 : But we're unclear on when it made its  
20 way from the gift closet in the 45 Office to that closet,  
21 which we'll now call the second closet.

22 SA [REDACTED] FBI 21A : I think it's only been one closet.

23 SA [REDACTED] FBI 41 : And maybe I'm misunderstanding. I'm  
24 sorry.

25 MR. IRVING: That's why --

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1 (02:19:12)

2 SA [FBI 41] : So --

3 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : It went -- the box went from under  
4 Per. 34 [REDACTED] desk to the tennis cottage, the tennis cottage to  
5 Flagler, Flagler to under my desk, under my desk to the  
6 closet, which is still in the office.

7 SA [FBI 41] : I see.

8 SA [FBI 21A] : Yeah.

9 SA [FBI 41] : And that is the only closet in this  
10 whole conversation?

11 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : Yes. He earlier asked me if that box  
12 was in the bathroom, I think.

13 MR. THAKUR: Right, yeah.

14 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : That's outside the office --

15 MR. THAKUR: Um-hum.

16 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : -- that we used to use as storage.

17 SA [FBI 41] : I see.

18 MR. THAKUR: And to your knowledge, it was not  
19 (indiscernible 2:19:47) --

20 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : It was not, to my knowledge.

21 MR. THAKUR: Okay. Got it. Okay.

22 MR. IRVING: But it did go into the gift closet?

23 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : Yes. Because I use that now for  
24 storage (indiscernible 2:19:56).

25 MR. IRVING: And when was that, approximately?

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1 (02:19:59)

2 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : Probably, we were cleaning out the  
3 office a week before.

4 MR. IRVING: A week before what?

5 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : Before they came.

6 SA [REDACTED] FBI 21A: The searchers?

7 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : Yeah.

8 MR. THAKUR: Do you know -- I guess, when it was  
9 under [REDACTED] Per. 34 's desk or really at any time after the  
10 presidency, do you know if the President asked to look at  
11 anything from that box?

12 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : Not to my knowledge.

13 MR. THAKUR: Okay.

14 SA [REDACTED] FBI 41 : Thank you for walking through all  
15 that.

16 SA [REDACTED] FBI 21A : And when you were going through -- and  
17 this is just -- this more, like, standard operating  
18 questions. When you were going through the scan of these  
19 individual papers, do you remember seeing anything that had  
20 classification labels?

21 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : Uh-uh.

22 SA [REDACTED] FBI 21A : Okay. Was anyone else with you also  
23 looking at the same papers as you were scanning them?

24 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : There were other people in the  
25 office, but no one was looking at them.

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1 (02:36:38)

2 MR. THAKUR: Do you know -- even before the  
3 summer, do you know if the President ever went down to the  
4 storage room?

5 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : To my knowledge, he never went in  
6 there.

7 MR. IRVING: There was one other movement on the  
8 box?

9 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : Um-hum.

10 MR. IRVING: Because you guys are trying to sort  
11 of account for the box at every -- you know, and I get that.  
12 But did you move the box at any time out of the 45 Office in  
13 the last -- shortly before it was discovered? Just --

14 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : Yeah. When we were cleaning out the  
15 office, I -- we were cleaning out, like, pictures and stuff,  
16 and moving out, make the guest closet, like, nice and all of  
17 that. Took the box. We were going to put it in storage.  
18 And then I realized, like, the lawyers have never, like,  
19 seen this box. So let's make sure it's good. So we brought  
20 it back to the office instead of putting it in storage.

21 MR. THAKUR: Okay. So you did actually bring it  
22 to storage and then took it back? Or --

23 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : Oh, it never went in storage.

24 MR. THAKUR: Okay.

25 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : We never --

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1 (02:38:03)

2 MR. THAKUR: It was just discussions of it, but it  
3 actually didn't move --

4 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : We took it out of the office, put it  
5 in a car, and then brought it back --

6 MR. THAKUR: Okay.

7 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : -- to the office.

8 MR. THAKUR: Got it. Whose car?

9 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : Per. 11's car.

10 MR. THAKUR: Okay. Is this [REDACTED] Per. 11 ?  
11 Okay. And how long was it in [REDACTED] car?

12 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : One day.

13 MR. THAKUR: Okay. You were going to take it to  
14 Life Storage or to the storage room at Mar-a-Lago?

15 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : To Life Storage.

16 MR. THAKUR: Okay.

17 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : Just to put it in the archives or  
18 library storage unit because it looked messy under my desk,  
19 having boxes in the office.

20 MR. THAKUR: Okay.

21 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : So trying to organize the office.

22 MR. THAKUR: Um-hum.

23 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : Bring it there, yeah.

24 MR. THAKUR: Okay.

25 SA [REDACTED] FBI 21A: When it was in [REDACTED] car, you said --

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2 SA [FBI 21A]: -- like, overnight?

3 [REDACTED] Per. 10 [REDACTED]: I believe so.

4 SA [FBI 21A]: Okay. And it's [REDACTED] P.11 personal car,  
5 so --

6 [REDACTED] Per. 10 [REDACTED]: Um-hum.

7 SA [FBI 21A]: -- we're all assuming personal car,  
8 you take it home after work?

9 [REDACTED] Per. 10 [REDACTED]: Um-hum.

10 SA [FBI 21A]: But it just stays in [REDACTED] P.11 [REDACTED]

11 [REDACTED] Per. 10 [REDACTED]: Trunk.

12 SA [FBI 21A]: -- residential area? Okay. Until [REDACTED] P.11  
13 brings the car back?

14 [REDACTED] Per. 10 [REDACTED]: Um-hum.

15 SA [FBI 21A]: Okay.

16 SA [FBI 41]: And what prompted the cleaning of the  
17 office?

18 [REDACTED] Per. 10 [REDACTED]: The office looked messy. We were  
19 talking about what value did we provide in our, like, new  
20 jobs and positions. If we can -- there had been complaints.  
21 No one had food. No one had snacks. Like, you're in the  
22 office all day and you're not eating until 7, 8 p.m. at  
23 night. So trying to turn one of the bathrooms that we used  
24 as storage into a snack room, and just then clean up his  
25 gift closet because it just had lots of random things.

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1 (02:39:48)

2 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : There was lots of arts laying around.  
3 Just trying to make it look more presidential.

4 SA [REDACTED] FBI 21A : Okay.

5 SA [REDACTED] FBI 41 : Got you. And then first heads-up call  
6 for you thinking about bringing the box back in, I want to  
7 make sure that I have the reason (indiscernible 2:40:03).  
8 You said that the lawyers hadn't checked the box yet?

9 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : Uh-uh.

10 SA [REDACTED] FBI 41 : And what do you mean by that?

11 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : Well, I didn't want it to seem like  
12 we were moving things when people were coming in to do the  
13 searches for this, like, investigation.

14 MR. THAKUR: Right.

15 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : The idea was [REDACTED] Per. 34 wanted the box  
16 under my (indiscernible 2:40:25) to stay with a staffer.

17 MR. THAKUR: Um-hum.

18 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : Because it was considered more  
19 personal.

20 MR. THAKUR: Yeah.

21 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : But the idea was presented to me --  
22 [REDACTED] Per. 34 is not here. What do you want to do with it? I  
23 didn't want it in the office. I couldn't -- like, it was  
24 that dire to have to have --

25 MR. THAKUR: Yeah.

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1 (02:40:42)

2 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : -- under my desk.

3 MR. THAKUR: Okay.

4 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : So --

5 MR. THAKUR: Was this the only box that was under  
6 your desk?

7 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : Um-hum.

8 MR. THAKUR: Okay.

9 MR. IRVING: So just to make sure I got this  
10 straight. So this whole -- like, starts with Per. 34 gives  
11 you the project? Then Per. 34 tells you that this is a box  
12 that, you know, contains confidential, you know, in a  
13 non-classified sense --

14 MR. THAKUR: Um-hum.

15 MR. IRVING: You know --

16 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : Personal.

17 MR. IRVING: -- personal information, right?

18 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : Um-hum.

19 MR. IRVING: So that's why P34 wants you to keep  
20 it under your desk?

21 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : Um-hum.

22 MR. IRVING: And you do that all along. And then  
23 Per. 34 is not there anymore?

24 [REDACTED] Per. 10 : Um-hum.

25 MR. IRVING: And so you're -- you guys --

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1 (02:41:15)

2 MR. IRVING: -- somebody, you and who else was  
3 cleaning? **P.11** ?

4 **Per.10** : **P.11** was there and Walt was there.

5 MR. IRVING: Okay. And so that's going on. The  
6 box is still under your desk. You're thinking that looks  
7 messy, but --

8 **Per.10** : Um-hum.

9 MR. IRVING: -- you're thinking **Per.34** said to keep  
10 it close -- you know, close (indiscernible 2:41:44) --

11 **Per.10** : So that's why I (indiscernible  
12 2:41:35).

13 MR. IRVING: But **Per.34** not there anymore?

14 **Per.10** : Yeah. Like --

15 MR. IRVING: Okay. I'm just making sure I  
16 understand. So then you decide that it's going to go to  
17 storage, the library storage? And then you --

18 **Per.10** : Um-hum.

19 MR. IRVING: You thought better of it and took it  
20 back?

21 **Per.10** : Um-hum.

22 MR. IRVING: Okay.

23 MR. THAKUR: And this was -- you said about a week  
24 or so, or two days before the December 15th search?

25 **Per.10** : Um-hum. I didn't know they were --

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